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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 581
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A RESOLUTION to urge the state board of education and local school boards to institute a curriculum of United States flag history, etiquette, and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag.

WHEREAS, the flag of the United States of America is perhaps the most visible and recognized symbol of our national existence, unity and history; and

WHEREAS, as such, the flag occupies a position of respect and honor among Americans who understand its symbolism and history, particularly members of the armed forces and veterans of military service; and

WHEREAS, attitudes of indifference or ignorance of proper behavior are now often apparent when the flag is displayed at public events and patriotic occasions; and

WHEREAS, the most appropriate place to instill proper respect for the flag and for the ideals of our nation is in the public schools, particularly in the elementary grades; and

WHEREAS, other states, notably Louisiana and Missouri, have recognized the need for instruction in flag history, etiquette and customs in their public schools and have enacted legislation to provide such instruction; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the state board of education and all local school boards are urged to institute a curriculum of instruction on the flag of the United States of America no later than the 2000-2001 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such instruction, at a minimum, include the history of the American flag, etiquette, customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag, and such other patriotic exercises as provided by and in accordance with the provisions of 36 U.S.C. 170 *et seq.*, on patriotic customs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such course of instruction shall also include a th history and usage of the pledge of allegiance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the state board of education is urged to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.